

Testimony on behalf of HB 6633 – An Act Concerning Stalking  
Judiciary Committee, March 30, 2011

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Paula Broderick and I am a registered voter in New Britain.

I work as the Prevention Education Coordinator for the Sexual Assault Crisis Service of the YWCA New Britain. I sit on the CT Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committee. I have also worked in the field of Domestic Violence as a Shelter Advocate.

I speak today both as a survivor of stalking, and as an advocate for Peace.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

The justice system draws the line of right and wrong.

Laws set the tone in our society and strong laws say “we mean business.” I ask today that the CT stalking laws be strengthened to allow better protection under the law for potential victims and survivors while allowing law enforcement the tools needed to stop stalking behaviors. The potential benefits from strengthening our current stalking laws could include higher prosecution rates of this known pre-cursor to sexual and domestic violence.

Strong laws set the tone and send a clear message of zero tolerance for abusive behaviors.

Stalking is a dangerous game some abusers really, really enjoy playing.

Again, strengthen our current Stalking Laws by passing HB 6633.

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